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	1993–94	1995–96	1998–99 <sup>1</sup>	1993–94	1995–96	1998–99 <sup>1</sup>	1993–94	1995–96	1998–99 <sup>1</sup>
Percent of children without a usual source of health care <sup>2</sup>									
All children <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	7.7	6.4	6.6	5.2	4.4	4.4	9.0	7.4	7.7
Race <sup>4</sup>									
White . . . . .	7.0	6.1	5.8	4.7	4.3	4.0	8.3	7.0	6.7
Black . . . . .	10.3	7.5	8.2	7.6	5.2	5.0	11.9	8.7	9.6
American Indian or Alaska Native . . . . .	*9.3	*5.2	*11.9	*	*	*	*8.7	*6.6	*11.8
Asian or Pacific Islander . . . . .	9.7	8.4	9.2	*3.4	*	*	13.5	10.8	11.9
Race and Hispanic origin									
White, non-Hispanic . . . . .	5.7	4.6	4.3	3.7	3.2	3.0	6.7	5.3	5.0
Black, non-Hispanic . . . . .	10.2	7.5	8.0	7.7	5.3	4.8	11.6	8.7	9.5
Hispanic <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	14.3	13.2	14.0	9.3	8.7	8.4	17.7	16.1	17.4
Poverty status <sup>5</sup>									
Poor . . . . .	13.9	10.7	12.6	9.4	7.2	8.1	16.8	12.9	15.2
Near poor . . . . .	9.8	9.0	10.2	6.7	6.1	7.4	11.6	10.5	11.6
Nonpoor . . . . .	3.7	3.4	3.4	1.8	2.1	2.0	4.6	4.0	4.0
Race and Hispanic origin and poverty status <sup>5</sup>									
White, non-Hispanic:									
Poor . . . . .	10.2	9.2	11.0	6.5	6.7	*7.9	12.7	10.7	12.8
Near poor . . . . .	8.7	6.7	7.0	6.3	4.6	5.1	10.1	7.8	8.0
Nonpoor . . . . .	3.4	2.9	2.8	1.6	1.8	1.8	4.2	3.5	3.3
Black, non-Hispanic:									
Poor . . . . .	13.7	8.4	8.6	10.9	6.6	*5.2	15.5	9.6	10.2
Near poor . . . . .	9.1	9.9	10.2	*6.0	5.8	*6.6	10.8	12.0	11.9
Nonpoor . . . . .	4.6	3.9	5.0	*	*2.2	*	5.8	4.6	5.9
Hispanic: <sup>4</sup>									
Poor . . . . .	19.6	15.0	18.0	12.7	9.0	10.6	24.8	19.2	23.2
Near poor . . . . .	15.3	16.2	17.3	9.9	11.8	12.0	18.9	18.9	20.6
Nonpoor . . . . .	5.0	7.1	6.0	*2.7	4.7	*3.1	6.5	8.5	7.5
Health insurance status <sup>6</sup>									
Insured . . . . .	5.0	3.9	3.7	3.3	2.6	2.3	5.9	4.5	4.4
Private . . . . .	3.8	3.1	3.1	2.0	1.7	1.8	4.6	3.7	3.7
Medicaid . . . . .	8.5	6.2	5.7	6.0	4.4	3.7	10.8	7.7	7.1
Uninsured . . . . .	23.5	22.3	28.2	18.0	17.5	21.5	26.0	24.4	31.1
Poverty status and health insurance status <sup>5</sup>									
Poor:									
Insured . . . . .	9.1	6.2	6.5	6.0	4.5	3.6	11.5	7.4	8.3
Uninsured . . . . .	29.4	27.1	35.3	25.0	22.5	30.0	31.5	28.9	37.6
Near poor:									
Insured . . . . .	6.0	5.0	5.1	4.0	3.3	3.6	7.2	6.0	5.9
Uninsured . . . . .	22.9	22.5	27.6	18.0	17.9	22.7	25.3	24.5	29.7
Nonpoor:									
Insured . . . . .	2.9	2.6	2.6	1.5	1.5	1.5	3.6	3.1	3.0
Uninsured . . . . .	14.5	15.3	19.5	6.4	11.2	*12.2	18.1	17.5	22.4

See footnotes at end of table.

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Geographic region	Percent of children without a usual source of health care <sup>2</sup>								
Northeast . . . . .	4.1	3.2	2.5	2.9	2.3	*1.9	4.8	3.7	2.8
Midwest . . . . .	5.2	4.3	4.4	4.1	3.3	3.5	5.9	4.8	4.8
South . . . . .	10.9	7.9	8.6	7.3	5.1	5.7	12.7	9.3	10.0
West. . . . .	8.6	9.3	9.7	5.3	6.4	5.6	10.6	10.8	11.7
Location of residence									
Within MSA <sup>7</sup> . . . . .	7.7	6.5	6.7	5.0	4.5	4.5	9.2	7.5	7.8
Outside MSA <sup>7</sup> . . . . .	7.8	6.1	6.4	6.0	4.0	3.9	8.7	7.1	7.5

\* Estimates are considered unreliable. Data preceded by an asterisk have a relative standard error of 20–30 percent. Data not shown have a relative standard error of greater than 30 percent.

<sup>1</sup>Data starting in 1997 are not strictly comparable with data for earlier years due to the 1997 questionnaire redesign. See Appendix I, National Health Interview Survey.

<sup>2</sup>Persons who report the emergency department as the place of their usual source of care are defined as having no usual source of care. See Appendix II, Usual source of care.

<sup>3</sup>Includes all other races not shown separately, unknown poverty status, and unknown health insurance status.

<sup>4</sup>The race groups white, black, American Indian or Alaska Native, and Asian or Pacific Islander include persons of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin; persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

<sup>5</sup>Prior to 1997 poverty status is based on family income and family size using Bureau of the Census poverty thresholds. Beginning in 1997 poverty status is based on family income, family size, number of children in the family, and for families with two or fewer adults the age of the adults in the family. Poor persons are defined as below the poverty threshold. Near poor persons have incomes of 100 percent to less than 200 percent of poverty threshold. Nonpoor persons have incomes of 200 percent or greater than the poverty threshold. See Appendix II, Poverty level. Missing family income data were imputed for 14 percent of children in 1993–96. See Appendix II, Family income for information on imputation. Poverty status was unknown for 17 percent of children in the sample in 1997, 21 percent in 1998, and 24 percent in 1999.

<sup>6</sup>Health insurance categories are mutually exclusive. Persons who reported both Medicaid and private coverage are classified as having Medicaid coverage. Medicaid includes other public assistance through 1996. Starting in 1997 Medicaid includes state-sponsored health plans and Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP). In 1993–96 health insurance status was unknown for 8–9 percent of children in the sample. In 1998–99 health insurance status was unknown for 1 percent of children in the sample. See Appendix II, Health insurance coverage.

<sup>7</sup>MSA is metropolitan statistical area.

NOTE: Data for additional years are available (see Appendix III).

SOURCES: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey, access to care and health insurance supplements (1993–96). Starting in 1997 data are from the family core and sample child questionnaires.